



## Tents & Membrane Structures:

An operational permit is required to erect or operate an air-supported temporary membrane structure or tent having an area in excess of 200 ft<sup>2</sup> or a canopy in excess of 400 ft<sup>2</sup>. A permit is not required for a temporary membrane structure, tent, or canopy structure used exclusively for camping.

When making application, the exact address (or parcel address) where the tents are located must be provided. Multiple tents located on the same parcel may be included on the same application. **HOWEVER**, if tents are located on separate parcels, they will require a separate application for EACH parcel. For assistance determining the parcel address where your tents are located, you may use the [Nashville Parcel Viewer](#), call 615-862-5230, or email [FMORRequests@nashville.gov](mailto:FMORRequests@nashville.gov).

If multiple tents are included on the same application, the number and size of each tent being used must be provided. If multiple tents are being used together to create a single large covered area, each individual tent being used must be accounted for on the application.

Conditions of this permit are as follows:

- Must provide an NFPA 701 flame spread certificate.
- Certificate must match the label on the tent.
- Combustibles such as hay, straw, shavings, etc. shall not be allowed (exception: animal bedding and fodders in quantities approved by the fire code official).
- Any decorations, curtains, or other materials used within the tent must meet the same flame spread criteria as the tent membrane.
- No smoking permitted.
- No open or exposed flames permitted.
- Fire extinguishers must be provided.
- Use of solid flammables for warming foods such as butane or similar devices are acceptable.
- LP-gas containers must be located outside tents, and at a minimum distance of 5 feet from any tent or temporary membrane structure.
- Generators and other internal combustion power sources shall be separated from tents and temporary membrane structures by a minimum of 5 feet and shall be protected from contact by fencing, enclosure, or other approved means.
- Standby personnel may be required at the discretion of the fire code official.



- No permit is required for 10x10 tents that are not connected or within 10 feet of other tents or structures.

During the application process be prepared to provide the exact address (or parcel address) where the tents will be located, the number and size of each tent included on the application, and upload the following documents:

1. Copy of flame spread certificate for each tent or membrane structure, as well as any decorations used within the tent
2. Detailed tent layout diagram for each tent being permitted that includes (but is not limited to) setup of the contents under the tent, the locations and sizes of exits, etc.
3. Detailed site map that includes a legend, entire event area, location of set up on the property, location of any equipment and tank(s), street intersections, buildings in close proximity, landmarks, etc.